Visit of Chief Minister and other Ministers to Davangere

276. Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Harihar).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Chief Minister and the Minister for Education and the Minister for Co-operation followed by some Deputy Minister vistied Davanagere on an official tour on 29-9-1969 and 30-9-1969 ;

(*b*) whether Sri S. Nijalingappa accompanied them during that tour and if so, in what capacity was he associated with the Ministers in the functions arranged on 30-9-1969 ;

(*c*) whether Sri S. Nijalingappa replied for and on behalf of Government to several representations or Memoranda given by the Public on that occasion ;

(*d*) the number of officers that participated in the function on that day

(*e*) the total expenses incurred by Government on T. A. and D.A. on this single day's function including those of the officers ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Sri S. Nijalingappa was the Chief Guest at some of the functions held at Davangere at which the abovementioned Ministers were also present.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Local officers and the concerned departmental officers were present.

(*e*)—	*T.A.*	*D.A.*
	Rs.	Rs.
Chief Minister	...	20
Minister for Education	289	40
Minister for Development		40 for 2 days
Deputy Minister for Transport	...	20

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪನವರ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹೋಗಿದ್ದರು. ಅವರ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ವಾಹನದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಯಾಣ ಮಾಡಿದರೇ ಅಥವಾ ಬೇರೆ ವಾಹನದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಯಾಣ ಮಾಡಿದರೇ ?

† ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ.—ಯಾರ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾರು ಪ್ರಯಾಣ ಮಾಡಿದರು, ನಾನು ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪನವರ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಯಾಣ ಮಾಡಿದೆನೋ, ನನ್ನ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಜಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪನವರು ಪ್ರಯಾಣ ಮಾಡಿದರೋ ಅಂತ ಹೇಳಿ ಈ ರೀತಿ ಹೇರ್ ಸ್ಪ್ಲಿಟಿಂಗ್ ಮಾಡುವ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ. ನಾನೂ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದೆ ಬೆಳಗಾಂನಿಂದ ಯಾವುದೋ ವೆಹಿಕಲ್ ಬರುತ್ತಾ ಇತ್ತು. ಬೆಳಗಾಂನಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ವೆಹಿಕಲ್ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಮಾಡಿರಬಹುದು. ಅದಕ್ಕೇ ನಾನು ಹೇಳಿದೆ ನಾನು ಅವರ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದೆನೋ ಅವರು ನನ್ನ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದರೋ, ಯಾವ ಕಾರು ಇತ್ತೋ ಇದು ಅಷ್ಟು ದೊಡ್ಡ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ನನಗೆ ಅನಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ನಿಮಗೆ ಯಾವುದೂ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯಲ್ಲ.

Is it not the duty of the Govornment to use Government vehicle only for Government purposes and was Sri Nijalingappa there for any Government purpose ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I said that I went to Davangere and today it is very difficult for me to say in what car I was sitting and whether that car belongs to the Government or to a private man. But let me make it very clear to the Hon. Member and to this House that Sri Nijalingappa is somebody ; he is not a private individual but an hon. Member of this House and he is also the leader of our party and therefore I do not think there is anythink wrong in my going with him or in his coming with me.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I want a specific reply whether Government car was used I am not asking for any explanation or paraphrasing.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—When I was sitting in the car, others also will sit by me.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Is it a straight answer ? I demand that a straigt answer may be given to my question.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—He cannot demand for any answer ; it is for me to give whatever answer I deem necessary. He cannot direct me to give a straight answer or zigzag answer. I said that today I don't remember in which car I was sitting and whether that car belongs to the Government or not. At this distance of time it is very difficult for me to say that.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Is it not a fact that all the Ministers took only 20 minutes to perfrom five functions in which Sri Nijalingappa spoke. None of the others spoke and all the replies were given by Sri Nijalingappa stating that the Ministers need not reply.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not think I have participated in so many functions where Sri Nijalingappa participated. Wherever he was called as a Chief Guest, he did participate and wherever he was not called as the chief guest, he did not participate.

Inter State Seniorty of Officers of Agriculture Department

291. Sri S. R. BOMMAI (Kundgol).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Inter State Seniority of the Officers of the Agricultural Department is finalised and published ;